GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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RESTRICTIONS ON CULTIVATION OF TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has forwarded any proposal to the Union Government to withdraw restrictions on cultivation of tobacco;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the criteria adopted by Tobacco Board for fixing restrictions on cultivation of tobacco; and

(e) the reasons for fixing the restriction on cultivation of tobacco?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a), (b) & (c) : No, Sir. No proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka advocating withdrawal of restrictions on cultivation of tobacco.

(d) : The Tobacco Board, while fixing the Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco crop size every year, takes into account the domestic and international demand, the existing stock situation and the trends in cigarette production and consumption, both in India and abroad.

(e) : The objective of placing such restrictions on FCV tobacco production is to help the tobacco farmers get remunerative prices.